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THE FLAG*

masters of this island when the  
ammunition and  
provisions were exhausted, unless help  
came. And /  
whence could JVL Zermatt and his  
people expect  
help f

First of all Fritz told briefly the  
story                      of                      the  
*Flag's* castaways.

" And where are the savages ? " Fritz  
asked,                      as                      he  
came to the end of telling how they had  
seen    the  
savages.

" At Rock Castle," M. Zermatt  
replied,

" Many of them ? "

" A hundred at least; they came in  
fifteen,  
pirogues—probably                      from                      the  
Australian coast,<sup>17</sup>

" Thank God you were able to  
escape    from  
them ! " Jenny exclaimed\*

<sup>a</sup> Yes, indeed, dear child/<sup>5</sup> M. Zermatt  
replied,

" As soon as we saw the canoes making  
for    Deliver-  
ance Bay, we took refuge on Shark's  
Island,    thinking  
that we might be able to defend  
ourselves    here  
against an attack by them,"

\*\* Papa," said Frank, " the savages  
know    now  
that you are on this island/<sup>5</sup>

"Yes, they do," M, Zermatt  
answered,    "but  
thank God, they have not succeeded  
in    landing  
here yet, and our old flag is still flying !  
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The following is a very brief summary

of what  
had happened since the time at which  
the first part  
/ of this narrative ended-  
; On ".the return of the dry season,  
after the ex-